

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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 : Group Art Unit: 2133
 Jared ZERBE et al. :
 : Examiner: J.P. Trimmings
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 : EVALUATING AND OPTIMIZING A :
 : SIGNALING SYSTEM :
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Sir:

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Multiple Dependent Claims Fee					\$.00
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated April 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments/remarks, which are believed to place the above-identified patent application in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal.